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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DUTCH FONMIN TO EGYPT

1. DUTCH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL LEFT EGYPT MAY 11 AFTER VISIT DURING WHICH HE WAS RECEIVED BY SADAT, PRIME MINISTER SALIM, DEP PM/FONMIN FAHMY, PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER MAR'I, AND ALSO ACTING HEAD OF ARAB SOCIALIST UNION.

2. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SADAT, VAN DER STOEL TOLD JOURNALIST NEW LEAF HAS BEEN TURNED IN DUTCH/ARAB RELATIONS. IN LUNCHEON TOAST HE HAILED SADAT'S DECISION TO REOPEN CANAL AND REFERRED TO EUROPEAN INTEREST IN SOLVING ME PROBLEM.

3. FAHMY TOLD DUTCH JOURNALIST MAY 10 THAT VAN DER STOEL HAD EXPLAINED DUTCH POLICY IS BASED ON EC DECLARATION OF NOV. 6, 1973 AND THAT THE TWO MINISTERS HAD DISCUSSED GENEVA, UNCLASSIFIED

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EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. THEY ALSO

SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WHICH REPORTEDLY CALLS FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS, PARTICULARLY IN FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND TRADE, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AN EXPERTS COMMITTEE HEADED BY MINISTERS OF ECONOMY WILL MEET ANNUALLY TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. A CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACCORD WAS ALSO SIGNED, WHICH REPORTEDLY INVOLVES EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE AND RESEARCH IN SCIENTIFIC CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL FIELDS.

4. IN FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 11, DUTCH FONMIN EXPRESSED HOPE FOR PROGRESS TOWARD ME PEACE, DESCRIBED PLO AS "PROBABLY" MOST IMPORTANT PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION AND NOTED FORMULA FOR ACHIEVING LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS MUST BE FOUND TO GIVE FORM AND SUBSTANCE TO NOTION OF PALESTINIAN IDENTITY. HE ADDED THAT RES 242 MUST BE COMPLEMENTED BY NOV. 6 EC DECLARATION WHICH RIGHTLY CONSIDERS PALESTINIAN PROBLEM A POLITICAL, NOT ONLY HUMANITARIAN, ISSUE. VAN DER STOEL EXPRESSED HAPPINESS THAT ARAB-EURO DIALOGUE CAN BEGIN JUNE 10. HE NOTED THAT EC IS CONDUCTING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH VARIOUS MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. THESE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETED SOON AND THEN IT IS "OUR URGENT WISH" TO OPEN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT.
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